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FLAGLER

Game 1

ARMSTRONG

1	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	3
	FLAGLER (31-16)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	
	ARMSTRONG (31-5)	2	0	0	0	0	1	X	3	7	1	

FLAGLER

Game 2

ARMSTRONG

8	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	7
	FLAGLER (32-16)	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	8	10	1	
	ARMSTRONG (31-6)	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	3	





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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The No. 3-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University softball squad split a Peach Belt Conference doubleheader with Flagler College on Saturday at the Armstrong Softball Field. The Pirates took game one, 3-1, but Flagler rallied from a 6-0 deficit in game two to win, 8-7.

Armstrong (31-6-1, 14-4 PBC) halted a seven-game win streak by the Saints (32-16, 13-9 PBC) with the first-game win, but Flagler used a big fourth inning to rally and take game two.

In game one, Armstrong starter **Megan Barnwell** (20-3) pitched in and out of trouble as Flagler left 14 runners on base in the game. In the first inning, Christen Moon hit a solo home run to put Flagler up, 1-0, but **Alexis Mercer** answered in the bottom of the first with a two-run shot that put the Pirates ahead, 2-1.

Flagler loaded the bases in the sixth inning with one out, but the

Game 1

BATTING
FLAGLER
2B: Christen Moon
3B: none
HR: Christen Moon
ARMSTRONG
2B: Shelby Duff
3B: Kacie Patterson
HR: Alexis Mercer

FULL STATS

Game 2

Pirates cut down a run at the plate on a fielder's choice, then Barnwell struck out Moon to end the threat.

Kacie Patterson delivered an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth to give the Pirates an insurance run, but Flagler loaded the bases again in the seventh. Barnwell got Tori Jolley to fly out to right, then snared a line drive off the bat of Marissa Blake to end the game.

Barnwell went seven innings, giving up seven hits and one run, walking seven while striking out two to notch the victory. Kalyn Loverich (14-7) took the loss for the Saints in game one, giving up seven hits and three runs in six innings of work, walking two while striking out five.

The second game saw Armstrong jump out to a big 6-0 lead in the first inning thanks to a two-run single by Andrea Dalton and a grand slam home run by Brittany Cooley.

Flagler answered right back with two runs in the second inning on an RBI single by Molly Whittington and an RBI groundout by Jolley. Alexis Mercer made it a 7-2 lead with a solo home run in the bottom of the second, but Flagler added a run in the top of the third inning on a sacrifice fly by Malloree Escue, then took advantage of back-to-back errors by the Pirate infield to score five runs in the top of the fourth inning on an RBI single by pinch hitter Kaitlyn Bannon and a grand slam home run by Moon.

Armstrong loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning against Flagler starter Katie Enright, but Enright got Patterson to pop out to third base to end the contest.

Enright (14-6) picked up the win in game two for Flagler, giving up 10 hits and seven runs - six earned - in seven innings of work, walking four while striking out two.

Shelby Duff (7-3) took the loss for the Pirates in game two, giving up 10 hits and eight runs - three earned - in four innings of work, walking three.

Mercer had a pair of home runs to pace the Pirates at the plate, while Moon went 4-for-6 with five RBIs in the doubleheader with a double, a triple and two home runs to lead Flagler offensively.

Armstrong next hosts Augusta State in a 2:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference doubleheader on Sunday at the Armstrong Softball Field.

BATTING
FLAGLER
2B: Lauren Bessent
3B: Christen Moon
HR: Christen Moon
ARMSTRONG
2B: none
3B: none
HR: Alexis Mercer; Brittany Cooley

FULL STATS



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